THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING RESULTS

The Annual Meeting of the Board of the Columbus Club of Arlington was held on January 5th in the Main Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to give the membership a chance to vote on a budget, elect board members, and discuss any topics of need for the Club.

The meeting began with the reading of the minutes from the 2016 Annual Meeting. The Treasurer, Tom Maguire, read the budget narrative included in the December KnightLife, providing background on the financial performance of the Club in 2016, as well as a discussion of the budget for 2017. Following questions regarding financial performance and the budget, the budget was passed as proposed.

President John O’Neill thanked the Board for their service as well as outgoing Board Member Tom Hazzard for his years of service.

Grand Knight Christopher Bannon conducted the election for new officers. There were five board of director positions that expired and were up for re-election. Four Board members who held terms that expired submitted their names to run for election at the meeting – Robert Dannermiller, Tom Maguire, Larry Harrison, and Bill Wester. Ernest DelBuono submitted his name as a candidate for the Board. With five candidates for five open positions, a motion was made from the floor to accept the nominees by acclamation. The motion was seconded, and the five nominees were elected.

The conduct of the meeting was returned to President O’Neill. There being no further business, the meeting was closed with a prayer.

The full 2017 Columbus Club of Arlington Board of Directors consists of:

**Appointed Directors:** Grand Knight Christopher Bannon, Deputy Grand Knight Joe Baker

**Elected Directors:** Owen Beirne Jr. Bob Dannemiller
Ernest DelBuono Jerry Garren
Larry Harrison Tom Maguire
John O’Neill III Brett Smith
Greg Strizek Bill Wester

The officers for the 2017 Board of Directors will be elected by the directors at the January 24th Board Meeting. All Board meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 pm on the 2nd floor of the Council Home and are open to the full membership. All members are encouraged to attend.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

This month we recognize Tom Hazzard as Knight of the Month. As a second generation EDW Member, Tom is one of those guys who grew up here at the Knights. Tom became a Knight in 2001 with 15 years of Service to The Knights and to our Council. Except for one year, Tom was on the Columbus Club Board since 2005. Tom is directly responsible for making sure our property is looking its best, and we are getting the best value for the work we get done. This year, Tom decided it was time to take a break from the CCA board so he can be even more devoted to his wife Mary and their 5 Children. Please join me in thanking Tom for his service to our Council and Club, and congratulate him on being the February Knight of the Month.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

For February, we recognize the extended Donnelly Family.

Maureen Donnelly’s late husband, Joseph was EDW Grand Knight in 1991-92. Maureen is very involved at St Ann’s where she is the coordinator of the lectors. The Donnelly’s have two daughters, Pat, whose husband John Greco has been an EDW Knight since 2009 with seven years of service to the Knights, and Megan. The Greco’s kids, Jack and Abigail are active at the pool in the summer.

Maureen’s other daughter, Megan, with her daughter Maggie, is also active at the pool and is involved with St Ann’s school and parish. Megan’s business, Educational Outfitters in Lee-Harrison Shopping Center, provides schools uniforms as well as promotional items. The fantastic golf shirts and fleece vests on sale at the Council Home are from Educational Outfitters.

Please join me and congratulate the Donnellys as the February Family of the Month.

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GRAND KNIGHT’S REPORT

Happy February. Congratulations and thank you to Bob Dannemiller, Tom Maguire, Bill Wester, and Larry Harrison for their re-election to two-year terms on the Columbus Club of Arlington Board. Also congratulations to Ernest DelBuono for his election to the CCA Board. It is not easy to stand up and ask for your brother Knights to vote for you. I look forward to working with you all on the Columbus Club Board.

Thank You to Bob Muschamp for another fantastic New Year’s Eve Party. Not one to rest on his laurels, Bob is making plans for next year. Thanks Bob for all you do at EDW.

First and Second Degrees February 16, Third Degree in March. February 16 at 7:30 PM will be the first opportunity of 2017 to have a friend or family member join the Knights at EDW and to do your second degree the same evening. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. There are four degrees within the Knights of Columbus. Each degree ceremony imparts a lesson on the Order’s core virtues of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

March 12 EDW will be hosting the State officers at the Knighthood Degree.

Save the Date In the Italian tradition, for the second year we will be holding a St Joseph’s Day Celebration in conjunction with the March Supper Club. Please bring a food or monetary donation that will be given to the Arlington Food Assistance Center. “Viva la tavola di San Giuse!”

Rockin for KOVAR Is Postponed. New date will be announced soon. Nobody said Rock ‘n Roll was easy….

Meeting the Bishop. On January 9, I had the privilege of attending the Deanery I Mass celebrated by Bishop Burbidge at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More. I was truly moved by the Bishop’s warmth, patience and humility. I look forward to working with him in the future. I predict our Philly born Bishop he will be a good friend of EDW. And not only because we have great Cheese Steak Sandwiches and the NFL Ticket that shows all the NFL games including the Eagles at our Council Home, which he showed great interest in. His final words to me that evening were “Thank you to your brother Knights for all the you do.”

Vivat Jesus,
Christopher Bannon,
Grand Knight

BACK TO BACK FIRST AND SECOND DEGREES TO BE HELD AT EDW ON FEBRUARY 16TH

On February 16th starting at 7:30 pm in the Paradise Lounge both a first and second degree will be held consecutively. Candidates can receive two degrees in one night and be eligible to take their third degree for full knighthood in March. Dinner will be served following the conclusion of the second degree.

SICK AND IN OUR PRAYERS

Please remember the following members and their families in your daily prayers. If you have time, give them a call or drop them a note.

Norm Marcocci
Fred Carmichael  Bishop Paul Loverde
Clarence “Gill” Gilbertson  Leo Maimone, PGK

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Where did 2016 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Thanksgiving was last week.

We hope you and your family had a great finish to 2016. Now, the first quarter of 2017 has flown by. Hopefully, you’ve established a few goals for this year. We’ve learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It’s not too late if you haven’t already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I’m sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you’re more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. We recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and we would love to be the first you sit with. Let’s schedule some time to meet together, and we, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agents, will provide an “insurance check-up” (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family’s life insurance protection. Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don’t just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did we mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could provide value to you and your family for generations? Call us today.

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Greetings all. I want to express my sincere thanks to the Knights who stepped up this year to take down and put away the Christmas trees and other Christmas decorations in the Old Council Home. Many of the LUK members were sick and the help was greatly appreciated. I also want to thank our future knights and LUK members again (see photo) who helped us decorate the Christmas trees this year.

It’s February, the month where we celebrate two fun holidays. The first is Groundhog Day on Feb 2. This year will be Punxsutawney Phil’s 131st prognostication! Did you know that during Prohibition, Phil threatened to impose 60 weeks of winter on the community if he wasn’t allowed a drink. This year, let’s hope Punxsutawney Phil gives us the news that spring is almost here. Holiday number two of the month is Saint Valentine’s Day, an annual commemoration held on February 14, celebrating love and affection. The day is named after one or more early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and was established by Pope Gelasius I in 492 AD. It was deleted from the General Roman Calendar of Saints in 1969 by Pope Paul VI. The popular customs associated with Valentine’s Day undoubtedly had their origin in a conventional belief during the Middle Ages that birds or fowl pick their mates on February 14th. It was believed love birds chose this day to begin mating. The modern-day celebration of Valentine’s Day seems to have begun in France and England. On Valentine’s Eve, young people would gather and pick names becoming a valentine to whose ever name they chose.

I usually reserve this space to wish our current LUK members a Happy Birthday. Since we have no current members with February birthdays, we are looking for new members who were born in February or any other month. For those of you that are unfamiliar with Ladies U-Knighted, we are a group of women that support and promote the goals and endeavors of the Knights of Columbus, Edward Douglass White Council No. 2473 by raising funds through volunteer efforts. We meet at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the K of C Old Council Home, 5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington, VA. Membership is open to any woman who is compelled to help those in need, provide excellence in its many activities, whether religious, charitable, or social, and have fun. Please stop by for a meeting or contact Jo Balsamo Wood at balsamowood@verizon.net for more information.

Wishing everyone a Happy Groundhog Day and Happy Valentine’s Day. Remember your sweetie on Feb 14. The next LUK meeting is on Groundhog Day, Feb 2 at 7:30.
Beginning in February, annual dues notices will be mailed to many of the Knights who have not paid their 2017 dues. Knights who have not paid dues are subject to possible suspension, but we would like to avoid that if at all possible. For 2017, REGULAR member dues will be $139; HONORARY member dues will be $90; and HONORARY LIFE member dues will be $60 (Columbus Club dues only). Members who may be having financial difficulties may contact the Financial Secretary for possible waiver of their dues.

We accept credit card payments (Visa, MasterCard, American Express) for dues on our website. Please understand that credit card transactions cost money to process and that we need to add a small fee ($3.00) to dues payments to help offset the cost. You can find the link to our “storefront” on the website home page to make your dues payment, certain contributions and even purchase your New Year’s Eve tickets. Website address: www.kofcedw2473.org

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**EDW GOLF SHIRTS AVAILABLE TO RAISE MONEY FOR KOVAR**

The golf shirts (shown above) can be purchased in the Council Home. They come in three colors. $30 each. M-L-XL in stock. Other sizes are available. Customization available too!

All proceeds from sales for KOVAR - Knights Charity supporting people with disabilities (PWD).

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**LOOKING FOR PERSONAL STORIES**

We are looking for your own personal fond memories of EDW and will publish the safe ones. Please send to knightlifearticles@gmail.com

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John White, PGK of EDW White Council 2473, receives the council’s second place award for Community Service in last year’s International Service Awards competition from PSD Steve Raschke.
**STORIES ABOUT EDW...**

*BY RON FOURNIER, EDW MEMBER, AND PUBLISHER OF CRAIN’S DETROIT BUSINESS*

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Love that Boy
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My wife, Lori, and I were looking for a good meal when we stumbled one date night into the Council Home on Little Falls Road in Arlington. The dinner was great but the company was better, starting with the cook. When John O’Neill Jr. walked out of the kitchen to greet us, Lori recognized him as a truck driver who, years prior, found her weeping in the back room of the bookstore she managed. John, who was delivering books to the store, asked her what was wrong. Lori said I was out of town for work, and she had to move our young family from an apartment to our first house in Arlington. She was overwhelmed. Though he barely knew Lori, John offered to help her move. The next day, John showed up at our house with a truck and a crew. That’s John. That’s the Knights of Columbus. That’s our Council Home. From that night forward, for years, Lori and I found our friends and a sense of community every Friday night for dinner. We call in Date Knight.

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**NEW YEAR’S EVE - 2016, SUMMARY AND THANK YOU’S**

This article could not make the January KnightLife. Attendees for EDW’s 57th Annual New Year’s Eve Gala numbered about 160; down a little from last year. Still, a good-sized crowd which certainly seemed to enjoy the food, drink, band and dancing.

All went as scheduled for cocktail hour and food service. The Jim Bowie Band, which found a second home at EDW back in 2001, and has now performed at our New Year’s Eves for 16 years was a clear hit; their instrumentals and combined vocals were enthusiastic and vibrant. Even the weather cooperated with temperature in mid-40’s.

This annual social event requires a lot of support. Those deserving a “Thank You” and this recognition are: Columbus Club staff of Peter Silano, Manager, also Nick Beirne and Rene Padilla who helped with menu planning, handling reservations, tickets, table placards, etc. A special thanks to Chef Maria and her kitchen crew for another great job preparing hors d’oeuvres, and a 3-course dinner. As a Redcoat myself I extend special thanks to the crew of 14 Redcoats who did a great job on two bars (allowing no backups), and in completing meal service before the band started to play. Thanks also to PGK Vince Long for his help getting the balloons to EDW; and to Steve Brown for once again helping to decorate the tables and the main hall.

Lastly, a special feature of our New Year’s Eve at EDW is the door-prize drawing; this year the following 14 local area restaurants all contributed generous gift certificates, some for as much as $40, $50 and $75:

- Argia’s - (Italian) 124 N. Washington St., Falls Church
- Bentley’s - (Sunday Breakfasts!!!) 6654 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church
- Clare & Don’s (Seafood) 130 N. Washington St., Falls Church
- Dogwood Tavern - 132 West Broad St., Falls Church
- Famous Dave’s (BBQ) 370 W. Broad St., Falls Church
- Ireland’s Four Courts - 2051 Wilson Blvd., Arlington
- Ireland’s Four Provinces - 105 W. Broad St., Falls Church
- Joe’s Place Pizza & Pasta - 5555 Lee Hwy, Arlington
- Ledo’s Pizza, Restaurant & Pub - 7510 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church
- Locker Room - 502 W. Broad St., Falls Church
- Metro 29 Diner - 4711 Lee Hwy., Arlington
- Mylo’s Grill - 6238 Old Dominion Dr., Mclean
- Outback Steakhouse - 4821 N. 1st. St., Arlington
- Columbus Club of Arlington - Supper Club

Please take note, and remember these “Friends of EDW” when dining out in 2017. If you have the opportunity, speak with the owner/manager - mention you’re a member, or with EDW K of C, and thank them for their continued support.

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**Valentine’s Day Dinner**

February 17, 2017
6:00pm ~ Cocktails
6:30pm ~ 8:30pm ~ Dinner & Dancing

**Soup**
Chicken with Rice
Tomato Bisque

**Salad Bar**
Glass of Champagne

**Entrée**
Beef Tenderloin with Cabernet Reduction
Lobster Ravioli with Vodka Sauce
Eggplant Parmigiana
Twice Baked Potatoes
Broccoli and Baby Carrots

**Dessert**
Array of Cakes & Pies

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The O’Neill-James Irish Dancers have become an Arlington Institution. They have been in existence for 47 years and practice their dances at EDW. They often entertain at functions here. They are in search of EDW fresh legs, if you have a son or daughter who like to dance and entertain, and you would like them to learn the Irish dancing, please contact Laureen at 703-241-1978 or email ADCRG@aol.com.

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